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FOR: AUCTION-BASED SEARCH ENGINE)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted Herewith is a combined Amendment in response to the Office Action of November 30, 2004 in the above-identified application.

- ☒ The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 14-1131.
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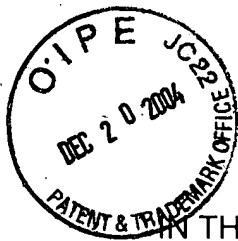
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 30, 2004

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections within the Examiner's Office Action dated November 30, 2004.

Remarks

There are five claims in the instant application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable for obviousness over Pulliam et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,609,108, in view of Barrett et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,400,381. The rejections are in error, and we respectfully traverse them.

Claim 1 in its entirety recites:

1. A method of generating a target list of customers comprising the steps of: